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### **CHAFEE ANNOUNCES \$600,000 FOR JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The Rhode Island Justice Commission will receive a \$600,000 grant from the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee announced today. The funding will support the third year of a three year plan, entitled the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Formula Grants Program.

"Preventing juveniles from delinquent behavior is an important way to make sure Rhode Island's youth are on the right path to adulthood," Senator Chafee said. "With this money, Rhode Island can continue a great program which supports delinquency prevention and intervention on both the state and local levels. In addition, improvements will be made to the juvenile justice system at large to make it a more effective tool to rehabilitate troubled children at an early age, giving them an opportunity to be contributing members of society," he continued.

Of the funding awarded, a portion will be will be advertised for the subgranting of money for delinquency prevention programs (approximately \$300,000) to municipalities and non-profit organizations. Additionally, a portion will fund a Family Court mentoring program (approximately \$80,000), and the Narragansett Indian Tribe will receive approximately \$10,000 for Youth Tribal Court activities.

Remaining funds may be spent on program planning and administration, juvenile substance abuse prevention, and prevention of serious and violent crimes, including gang-related crimes. Additionally, funds will provide for improvements to the operations of the juvenile justice system, its policies and procedures. This may involve establishing a system of graduated sanctions, treatment programs, and aftercare.

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